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1. The evening newspaper Critica has undergone an abrupt change of editorial policy since it has been acquired by a group of men reported to be financially backed by Domingo A. Mercante, Governor of the Province of Buenos Aires. This newspaper, when under ex-Deputy Lamonte Taborca, was anti-Peron, and suffered numerous persecutions after the election of the latter. As a result of several assaults on the offices of Critica, during one of which several people were killed, the paper was forced to suspend publication. Then a lawsuit was brought against the proprietorship of Taborca, in which he lost both the lawsuit and control of the paper.
2. Under the new proprietorship Critica has been following the line of Peron's Government, and praising the work of the latter. However, this abrupt change caused a serious drop in circulation. To bolster up circulation, special permission was sought and obtained from Peron to continue a strong anti-Franco campaign. At the same time Critica is waging a strong anti-Communist campaign, although under its former owner it was used by the Communist Party for the spread of its propaganda.

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